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SUBJ: DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD'S VISIT TO INDONESIA BEGINNING
APRIL 7

1. SPECULATIVE STORIES APPEARED IN THE AUSTRALIAN PRESS APRIL 3 REGARDING DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD'S VISIT TO INDONESIA BEGINNING APRIL 7. ACCORDING TO THESE STORIES, BARNARD WILL DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT SOEHARTO AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL PANGGABEAN A WIDE- RANGE OF SUBJECTS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, ON DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS. THESE STORIES INDICATE THAT MR. BARNARD WILL BE DISCUSSING IN PARTICULAR THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES WITH INDONESIA INVOLVING ALL THREE SERVICES IN 1973/74. THEY ALSO SAY THAT MR. BARNARD WILL BE APPROACHED BY THE INDONESIANS WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF PATROL CRAFT AND COASTAL COMMUNICATIONS UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO INDONESIA (A\$20 BILLION FOR A 3- YEAR PERIOD).

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH WALKER, INDONESIA DESK OFFICER IN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE STATED THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF BARNARD'S VISIT WILL BE TO HAND OVER THE 16 SABRE JET FIGHTERS FORMALLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA. (WALKER STATED THAT THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE PROVIDED A SPARE AIR FRAME FOR THE F-86

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WHICH WAS DAMAGED ON TAKEOFF AT THE TIME OF PRIME MINISTER
WHITLAM' S VISIT TO INDONESIA IN FEBRUARY.) WALKER ALSO SAID
THAT BARNARD IS GOING TO LISTEN RATHER THAN PROPOSE AND THAT TALK
OF PROVIDING PATROL CRAFT, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED
TO MEAN AN INCREASE IN THE AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE ALREADY OFFERED
TO INDONESIA. HE STATED HE HAS SEEN NOWHERE ANY REFERENCE
TO ANY POSSIBLE INCREASE IN THIS MILITARY ASSISTANCE.
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